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Vincent To Be Deposed In Lawsuit Filed By Former NFLPA Employee

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NFL VP/Player Development **TROY VINCENT** is expected to be deposed today in a civil lawsuit filed by a former NFLPA employee after Vincent lost a legal bid to avoid questions about allegations he colluded with the NFL when he was a leader of the union. Loudoun County (Va.) Circuit Court Judge **JAMES CHAMBLIN** denied Vincent's motion to limit the scope of depositions to be taken of him by attorneys for former NFLPA human resources head **MARY MORAN** as well as by lawyers for the players union, where Vincent was the player president from '04-08. Vincent is expected to be deposed by lawyers for Moran today and by lawyers for the NFLPA tomorrow, sources said. Attorneys for



Vincent, Moran and the NFLPA all declined to comment for this story. Vincent's attorneys had filed a motion for a court order to prevent lawyers from asking him about allegations of collusion, a U.S. Department of Labor investigation, allegations of misappropriation of player financial data and communication with members of Congress, according to court documents filed by Vincent's attorneys. Moran filed suit against the NFLPA last year, alleging she was constructively discharged because of gender discrimination and because she was a confidential witness in a continuing Department of Labor investigation about alleged collusion between the NFL and former player leaders, including Vincent, to undermine the NFLPA's position in collective-bargaining negotiations for a new CBA. Moran also claims she was subjected to threats after her father, U.S. Rep. **JIM MORAN** (D-VA), gave information to the NFLPA that Vincent prompted a letter from four congressmen to the union questioning its search process for an executive director. Vincent, who denied spurring the letter, lost a March '09 election to current NFLPA Exec Dir **DEMAURICE SMITH**. The NFLPA has denied Moran's allegations, although it has confirmed the existence of a federal investigation by the Labor Department. Vincent is not a named party in Moran's lawsuit.

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ATTORNEYS SAY COMPLAINT HAS FALSE ALLEGATIONS: Vincent's attorneys argued in their motion to limit the scope of the depositions that Moran's complaint "includes a plethora of utterly irrelevant, inaccurate and defamatory allegations about Mr. Vincent that have no bearing on the material elements of Plaintiff's (Moran's) claims. These allegations plainly are intended to embarrass and harass Mr. Vincent, who has a significant public profile." Moran's lawyers argued that the subjects are directly relevant to Moran's claims in the lawsuit. Even though Moran is

suing the NFLPA, the union also asked the judge to deny Vincent's motion. "All four categories of information that Mr. Vincent seeks to exclude from his depositions (alleged collusion; the Department of Labor investigation; alleged misappropriation of financial data; and communications with members of Congress) are all matters set forth expressly in the complaint," the NFLPA said in papers filed with the court. "They are also subjects about which Mr. Vincent has personal knowledge. Mr. Vincent's attempt to categorically exclude these topics from his depositions before questions about these topics are even asked is premature." Attempts to reach Vincent for comment were unsuccessful.
